

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 28, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Abstract and Title have been amended as required. For purposes of clarity, and to more clearly distinguish over the cited references, claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled and new claims 4 and 5 have been added.

Claims 1-3 were rejected as being anticipated by Uchikubo. Claims 4 and 5, newly added, are believed to define over Uchikubo.

In particular, Uchikubo is not believed to teach or suggest the feature of identically combining a value that is not color-specific with a plurality of primary color values *to produce modified primary color values*. This feature achieves improved image sharpness as described in the specification.

In Uchikubo, an image signal produced by an image sensor is processed in such a way as to produce chrominance and luminance signals, which are then combined to form a composite video signal. Such combination, however, does not produce modified primary color values as claimed. Rather, the luminance signal and the chrominance signal are combined to form a single analog signal, with the chrominance signal later being separated and used to control the color guns of a CRT, for example.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 2, 4 and 5 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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